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Applicants : Jeffrey Saunders et al.  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the July 26, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for one (1) month, from October 26, 2006 up to and including November 26, 2006 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(1). November 26, 2006 falls on a Sunday, therefore submission of this response on Monday, November 27, 2006 is timely.

Claim amendments begin at page 2 of this Reply.

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